REMARKS

The subject application was originally filed with 12 claims, which are all still pending. The Examiner rejected claims 1-12 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-10 of U.S. Patent No. 6,609,405 assigned to Applicant. Although Applicant believes that claims 1-12 are patentably distinct over claims 1-10 of U.S. Patent No. 6,609,405, for purposes of expediting the allowance of this case, Applicant submits herewith a terminal disclaimer to overcome this obviousness-type double patenting rejection.

In view of the terminal disclaimer submitted herewith, it is believed that claims 1-12 are in condition for allowance and notice to such effect is respectfully requested. The Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account 02-2051 for any fees that may be due in connection with this Response, specifically identifying Attorney Docket No. 24685-98.

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